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MEMORANDUM TO: Messrs.

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SUBJECT: Intelligence Support of General Donovan

REFERENCE: Memorandum of Conversation on Intelligence Support of General Donovan held 13 March at 3:00 p.m., Room 1128 M Building, dated 16 March 1953

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1. Following our meeting on this subject, I cleared with [redacted] for any comment on use of CSS in the intelligence support of General Donovan. [redacted] advises that whatever channel is approved by OCD is satisfactory to them. OO and ORR have since advised me that they felt it unnecessary to attend the meeting. I met with [redacted] at 10:00 a.m., 24 March 1953, in Room 1001 [redacted] and advised him along the lines of the memorandum referenced above. He was most cooperative, and apparently there will be no further requests from ODMS to establish [redacted]

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2. With respect to the briefing of General Donovan by CIA [redacted] Mr. Hanson, on his own initiative, stated that he planned an approach to General Donovan to set up these exchanges on a triumvirate basis, i.e., that [redacted] would represent their areas, with Mr. Hanson representing the Battle Act office. Mr. Hanson felt that this would avoid friction in the future in case ODMS and CIA were not coordinated in their relations with General Donovan. Since my meeting with Mr. Hanson, I have talked with [redacted] who believes with me that at the earliest opportunity a four-way discussion be held between General Donovan and Messrs. Hanson, [redacted] to clarify what was expected of each.

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3. Mr. Hanson advised me that General Donovan, in forwarding raw information (not CIA's) which he has obtained to ODMS, is creating a pressure for the establishment in ODMS of a unit to evaluate such raw intelligence. Mr. Hanson feels that this is more appropriately the job for the intelligence agencies and is, at least at present, opposed to building an intelligence organization in ODMS. He would prefer to

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pass such raw information to CIA, but is uncertain of the arrangements at the moment because he feels General Donovan might object to this procedure. Should he pass such information to CIA and the passage be discovered by General Donovan in separate meetings with

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[REDACTED] it might prove a fractious situation for Mr. Hanson. This situation would be an appropriate one to have cleared away in a discussion between General Donovan and Messrs.

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